

June 15, 2015

The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554



Re: GN Docket No. 13-5, Technology Transitions; GN Docket No. 12-353, AT&T Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition; WC Docket No. 05-25, Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers.

Chairman Wheeler,

The FCC has always been a champion for competition in the telecommunications industry. I am writing today in hopes you and your colleagues will maintain that public interest position.


As the General Manager of the Madison Club, the leading private club in the city of Madison and the State of Wisconsin, I know firsthand the importance and benefits of competition in the business marketplace. Our downtown Madison location, minutes from the state capitol and numerous enterprise businesses affords us the ability to maintain a dedicated focus on customer care, responsiveness to our clients and to building a service reputation of excellence.

To accomplish our mission, we rely on having a choice of voice and Internet providers that compete for our business. With competition, providers offer a variety of options and solutions and at different price points. As a result, we have chosen a provider in TDS that delivers not only the most reliable technology, but also the best service and price for our needs.

Technology is evolving at a break-neck pace which makes having an open marketplace even more critical. Internet-based communications such as TDS' Managed IP service offers such possibilities, but innovation won't happen without both technology and competition. In addition, regulatory oversight from time-to-time ensures the marketplace operates in a fair and equitable manner.

Please help ensure that the Madison Club will continue to have a robust choice in communications providers. The power of competition means organizations like ours can select the products, services, and support needed for us to thrive now, and in the future.

Sincerely,


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